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TAGS: ETRD, ENRG, IR

SUBJECT: IRANIAN NEED FOR INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS

REFS: TEHRAN 9094, 9095

1. IRANIAN CHARGE MAJD CAME IN DEC. 26 TO REITERATE GOI
EXPECTATION OF PRIORITY IN OBTAINING MATERIALS AND TO ASK
WHAT DEPARTMENT HAD DONE SO FAR. HE ALSO BROUGHT UP PROBLEM
OF SHIPS WITH CARGOES FOR IRAN UNABLE TO OBTAIN BUNKERS.

2. AFTER REMINDING MAJD THAT HOLIDAY HAD DELAYED ACTION ON
IRANIAN REQUEST, WE TOLD HIM THAT WE HAD DETERMINED THAT
LISTED COMMODITIES WERE IN SHORT SUPPLY BUT SO FAR NONE
WERE SUBJECT TO FEDERAL ALLOCATION. LATTER POINT MEANS
THAT USG HAS NO AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE TO WHOM MANUFACTURER
STLLS. WE TOLD MAJD THA WE ARE ASKING COMMODITY EXPERTS
IN COMMERCE TO STUDY LIST AND ADVISE ON AVAILABILITIES.
MAJOR PROBLEM IS THAT ABOUT HALF OF MATERIALS LISTED ARE
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PETROCHEMICALS, PRODUCTION OF WHICH IS DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY

OIL SHORTAGE. ASSURED MAJD WE WOULD DO WHAT WE COULD TO ASSIST AND WOULD KEEP HIM INFORMED.

3. RE BUNKERS, WE DESCRIBED TO MAJD WORLDWIDE SHORTAGE OF BUNKER FUEL AND POINTED OUT THAT WE HAD ALREADY BEEN HELPFUL IN ONLY SPECIFIC INSTANCE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION (MT SASSAN). WE NOTED THAT IT IS US POLICY THAT BUNKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION AS TO FLAG. WE TOLD HIM THAT WE WOULD TRY TO BE HELPFUL BUT NEED SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON AFFECTED SHIPS. HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT NOT JUST IRANIAN SHIPS WERE INVOLVED BUT ALSO OTHER FLAG SHIPS WITH CARGO FOR IRAN. WE TOLD HIM THAT WE WOULD TRY TO ASSIST IN THOSE CASES ALSO.

4. STATE 250678 DETAILS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT ON BUNKERING OF IRAN-BOUND SHIPS. KISSINGER

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